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13. (amended) A valved connector, comprising:

a connector body having a tubular portion extending proximally therefrom, [wherein said connector body is configured in a Y-shape with a main channel and a lateral channel branching therefrom, said connector body having a first attachment means at a distal end of said main channel and a second attachment means at a proximal end of said lateral channel;] and

a valve body including a valve element with a passage therethrough, said valve body being positioned at a proximal end of said [main channel] connector body and axially movably with respect to said connector body;

wherein said valve body is movable from a closed position in which said tubular portion of said connector body is exterior to said passage of said valve element to an open position in which said tubular portion of said connector body extends through said passage of said valve element from a distal side to a proximal side of said valve element, wherein when said valve body is in said closed position said passage of said valve element closes to form a fluid tight seal, wherein when said valve body is in said open position said valved connector presents an open channel for introducing a secondary device inserted through said connector body, and wherein when said valve body is in said closed position with the secondary device inserted therethrough, said passage of said valve element closes to form a fluid tight seal around the secondary device.

14. (amended) The valved connector of claim [13] 19, wherein said first attachment means comprises a male luer lock connector and said second attachment means comprises a female luer lock connector.

15. (amended) The valved connector of claim [13] 19, wherein said first attachment means comprises a rotating male luer lock connector and said second attachment means comprises a female luer lock connector.

19. (NEW) The valved connector of claim 13, wherein said connector body is configured in a Y-shape with a main channel and a lateral channel branching therefrom, said valve body being positioned at a proximal end of said main channel, said connector body having a first attachment means at a distal end of said main channel and a second attachment means at a proximal end of said lateral channel.